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127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	900	139	900 Non-English Specification
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for reexamination
112	920	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195 Extension for reply within second month
117	890	217	445 Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218	695 Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	128	945 Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241	620 Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242	620 Utility Issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220 Design Issue fee
144	600	244	300 Plant Issue fee
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50 Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
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